'White Paper' on the activities of Railways

†2405. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to publish any 'White Paper' on activities of her Ministry during the last five years;

(b) the time by when it would be published;

(c) whether it would include foreign agreements;

(d) whether the irregularities in the election of the unions would be mentioned;

(e) whether it would contain details about the expenses incurred on Katra-Kajigund plan in Kashmir and delay in its completion; and

(f) whether it would contain reasons for not reaching the train services to North- Eastern States except Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A White Paper will be published within the current financial year.

(c) to (f) The White Paper will bring out Indian Railways' present organizational, operational and financial status based on its performance in the last five years. Specific items to be included in the White Paper are under finalization.

Promotion of sports by Railways

2406. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance/incentives given by the Railways for the promotion of sports; and

(b) the amount spent for the purpose during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Indian Railways provide employment, out-of-turn promotion, advance increments on meritorious performances, cash awards, financial assistance etc. to Indian Railway sports persons for their participation in National and International Championships. Indian Railways has also developed its own sports infrastructure all over the country.

(b) No separate account is maintained on expenditure on salaries, allowances, awards, training, infrastructure, increments and promotions provided to the sportspersons.

Restricting the e-ticket/i-ticket reservation

2407. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether in view of railway reservations being totally availed of by e-ticket/i-ticket facility holders on the opening day itself, as tickets can be booked from 05.00 hrs. to 23.30 hrs., thereby

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